

covering each and every one of the areas where missteps were pinpointed in the past.

The special interest of this subcommittee, Madam Chairwoman, concerns the collection and use of Agency information on American citizens and permanent resident aliens. It is my belief that the June 1975 Report to the President by the Commission on CIA Activities Within the United States covers this matter quite thoroughly in Chapter 18, "Indices and Files on American Citizens."

That chapter recognizes: first, "that the collection of information about people is a major function of the CIA;" second, "the collection of information about a person who may be American citizens is largely incidental to collecting information about people generally;" third, the need of the Agency to possess information on "individuals suspected of working on behalf of a hostile intelligence service and persons of interest as actual or potential sources of information or assistance;" and fourth, the need for information on U. S. citizens who enter into some type of relationship with the Agency and in connection with the need to grant or deny security clearances before access to classified Agency information is approved.